

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

- (A) Please replace Original Paragraph 30 with Replacement Paragraph 30 as set forth below:

--The piece of footwear 102 further includes a closure system 120 for, at least partially, holding the foot in the chamber of the piece of footwear 102. In the example illustrated in Fig. 1, the closure system 120 includes a mesh or braided panel 122 that at least partially extends around the upper member 108 and over the top instep portion of the wearer's foot and the upper member 108 (see also Figs. 2, 3 and 7), to secure or help secure the foot in the piece of footwear 102. The mesh or braided panel 122 is flexible such that, to at least some degree, it can conform to foot shape or positional changes while still securing or helping to secure the foot in the piece of footwear 102. This panel 122 and/or the border 152 surrounding it may be formed from polymeric materials, from materials used in forming the upper member 108 or sole member 106, and/or from other suitable materials without departing from this invention. In some examples, the panel 122 may completely extend around the piece of footwear, the foot, and/or other object being held.--